

The Blacks in Canada—The Laws—The Negro Fitted to Enjoy Liberty.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

TORONTO, C. W., July 10, 1865.

There is a resident population of between 30,000 and 50,000 colored people in Canada, of which a large proportion were once held in cruel bondage in the Southern States, and, after enduring innumerable perils, found a refuge in this Province from the wrongs and outrages heaped upon them by their wicked task-masters.

The laws of Canada make no distinction as to color. The negro is placed upon equality with the emigrants from other countries entitled to all the privileges and eligible to office, and, notwithstanding they have had to encounter many obstacles in a climate very different from that in which they have been accustomed, their property equals that of any other people in our midst. They fully appreciate the benefits of education; they take quiet, docile inducements citizens—many of them have become wealthy, and some have attained to high positions in the learned professions.

There is very much foolish talk in the United States about "protecting the negro" and "daring him to enjoy the blessings of liberty." From my experience of the colored people of Canada, and I have enjoyed many advantages that have enabled me to become familiar with their condition and properties, I believe them quite as capable of appreciating their freedom, and more deserving of it, than thousands of voters in the City of New-York. The negro needs no protection—no preparatory course of training. What he does need is to be placed in a position to freely enjoy those "invaluable rights," which the founders of our institutions declared to be "self-evident truths."

It is your duty to level every obstruction that you have placed in their path, in the way of usages and cruel enactments, and, having done that, let them alone to manage their own affairs in their own way.

The logic of your institutions, and the principles of the great men who framed those institutions, should impel you to this course, which is demanded alike by justice, humanity and expediency. But, if you continue to wickedly ignore the rights of the colored people, you may yet have to pass through the fiery furnace of a war of races. Very respectfully,

TAL P. SHAFER.

The Military Departments.

The following is the order defining the boundaries of the several Military Departments of the War Department:

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 188.—The President directs that the United States be divided into Military Divisions, and subdivided into Military Departments, as follows:

I. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST. Major-General JOSEPH HOOKER is commanded to embrace the New-England States, New-York and New-Jersey; headquarters at New-York City.

II. THE MIDDLE DEPARTMENT. Major-General WENDELL BANCROFT is commanded to embrace the States of West Virginia, Maryland (except the counties of Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's), the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Virginia, the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania; headquarters at Baltimore.

III. THE DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON. Major-General C. C. AUGUSTUS is commanded to embrace the District of Columbia, the Counties of Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's in Maryland, and Fairfax County in Virginia; headquarters Washington.

IV. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO. Major-General E. O. C. DUDLEY is commanded to embrace the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan; headquarters at Detroit.

V. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE. Major-General GEORGE STONEKEMER is commanded to embrace the State of Tennessee; headquarters at Knoxville.

VI. THE DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY. Major-General JOHN M. PALMER is commanded to subdue the State of Kentucky; headquarters at Louisville.

VII. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI. Major-General JOHN POWELL is commanded to embrace the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, and the Territories of Nebraska, Dakota, and Montana; headquarters at Fort Leavenworth.

The Report recently published was that of the Committee on the Quartermaster's and Commissary Department, of which I was not chairman. I did not draw up the report, but, as a member of the Committee, I made no adverse report, being content that the one drawn up by the Chairman should be made under all the embarrassing circumstances existing. Having satisfactory assurances at the time, that abundant supplies of food would afterward be furnished, and bearing no anticipation of what is said to have subsequently occurred at Andersonville and elsewhere, and, for the same reason, I agreed not to insist upon the publication of the Report, or of the testimony, material portions of which are not referred to in the Report itself.

Allow me to say, in conclusion, that I have received yours, but not forwarded, injustice, I suppose, at the hands of those editors who have published two or three instances of my letter to *The Herald*, which, torn from their context, and being of an exclusively accusatory character, present me in the unenviable light of maliciously bringing forward charges against others wherein a single letter shows that it was written in vindication of myself against a statement of facts on this most painful subject, erroneous in several material respects, touching conversations supposed to have taken place between my son-in-law, Seward or Teller, and myself, and when, also, the letter in its reading will be found for non-accusatory in its character.

I regret very deeply, if in the haste of writing my letter, any allusion of ill-will more than regard for my own character should have made it necessary for me to recur in print to this painful subject at all. I leave the honor to be your sole care.

Montreal, July 11, 1865. H. S. FOOTE.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

SIR: Your correspondent "Epiphany" asks a charitable death for a sars and crab—viz., that instead of being tortured ignorantly by boiling alive, some more lenient mode of dealing for these delinquents should show a measure of humanity, so subtilized.

For the benefit of the interested (particularly the lobster), I would state that the lobster may be killed straight and rendered more palatable when cooked by the following process: First the two large claws together to keep him steady; then lay him on his back, and split open lengthwise the under side of the tail from the upper rib down four sides. This will bleed suddenly to death, and relieve him in boiling of certain pernicious parts which ought to be剖析ed off. I have the above from an old dealer in shellfish near by, who states that he has practiced the method a long while. And the result is being without taste. I trust this writing give you information.

Yours, &c., W. G.

Brooklyn, July 10, 1865.

Athletic Ocean Telegraphy.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

SIR: The Atlantic telegraph cable is now, probably, being laid, and I desire to comment myself on your remarks respecting that important enterprise.

The cable will be over 2,000 miles in length, to be operated as one circuit. The company, on raising its capital, asserted that it would transmit intelligence at the rate of sixteen words per minute. It is now stated that it will transmit, commercially, eight words per minute. Such is the proportion which the company proposes to demonstrate in a few days. To what extent the cable will operate is a problem, and the solution will be of great interest.

In my opinion, there is not the least possibility of the transmission of even five words per minute. If that number be hurried through the cable, the molecular destruction will be inevitable. The working of a submarine circuit of 2,000 miles is a problem of the highest scientific consideration, and we should be cautious in forming conclusions.

Now, I propose to reason a little, that the uninformed may not be misled, either as to confidence in my judgment or hopes in ultimate success. The working of a submarine circuit of 2,000 miles is a problem of the highest scientific consideration, and we should be cautious in forming conclusions.

The law also prohibits the purchase, sale or having in possession of any birds or game mentioned in the same during the season when the destroying of the same is unlawful. The sportmen of the State will see to the enforcement of the law, and regard it in the main as satisfactory.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 10, 1865.

An Interesting Query.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

SIR: In your paper of the 8th instant, you publish what purports to be the Ohio game law, and it is not made the duty of any one to see it enforced." The two sections which you quote are simply amendments of sections one and two of the act of 1861. Section five of that law, and which is still in force, is as follows:

"Any person offending against any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a fine not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offense, and costs of prosecution, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than twenty days, or both at the discretion of the court.

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